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SUBJECT: BOYCOTT OF CALIFORNIA LETTUCE AND GRAPES

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REF: STATE 025549

1. SUMMARY: SITUATION IN SWEDEN RE BOYCOTT REMAINS ESSENTIALLY ONE OF MUCH SYMPATHY FOR UFW BUT UNCERTAINTY AS TO HOW TO TRANSLATE THIS SYMPATHY INTO EFFECTIVE ACTION. END OF SUMMARY.

2. SWEDISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (LO) AND CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF SALARIED EMPLOYEES (TCO) ARE SYMPATHETIC TO UFW REQUEST FOR SUPPORTIVE ACTION BUT ARE STILL UNDECIDED AS TO THE FORM THIS ACTION SHOULD TAKE. AT A JOINT DISCUSSION ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FEB 7 LO AND TCO DECIDED TO KEEP THE QUESTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE UFW UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION WITH FURTHER STUDY FOR DETERMINING THE MOST EFFECTIVE COURSE OF ACTION.

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3. IN VIEW OF SWEDISH LAW WHICH PERMITS SYMPATHY

STRIKES AND BOYCOTTS ONLY WHERE THE PRIMARY DISPUTE IS A LEGALLY - RECOGNIZED LABOR-MANAGEMENT CONFRONTATION A FORMAL, ORGANIZED BOYCOTT APPEARS UNLIKELY. HOWEVER, TWO LO AFFILIATES, FARMWORKERS AND RETAIL CLERKS UNIONS, ARE URGING THEIR MEMBERS TO BUY ONLY EAGLE BRAND CALIFORNIA LETTUCE AND GRAPES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS TYPE OF INFORMAL CONSUMER'S BOYCOTT MAY SPREAD.

4. SWEDISH IMPORTERS OF GRAPES AND LETTUCE MAINTAIN BOYCOTT EFFORTS THUS FAR LARGELY INEFFECTIVE. GRAPE IMPORTING SEASON DRAWING TO A CLOSE SO IT IS UNLIKELY THAT A LARGE-SCALE CAMPAIGN AGAINST GRAPE IMPORTS WILL BE MOUNTED AT THIS TIME. LETTUCE IMPORTS CONTINUE ON INTO THE SUMMER SO THAT ANY INCREASED ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE WILL PROBABLY FOCUS ON LETTUCE. IMPORTERS SAY THAT ISOLATED QUERIES ARE BEING RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUAL STORE MANAGERS RE THE DISTRIBUTION OF NON-EAGLE BRAND LETTUCE, BUT THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO GENERALIZED OPPOSITION THUS FAR.

5. SWEDISH UNIONS BELIEVE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PLANTATION, AGRICULTURAL AND ALLIED WORKERS HAS ENDORSED INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UFW BUT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FEDERATION HAS THUS FAR NOT RPT NOT ASKED ITS AFFILIATES TO SUPPORT THE BOYCOTT.  
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